Bengal component of the Subernarekha Project is estimated to cost Rs. 226. 82 crores.

(b) The details of amount spent on the project are as under:

(Rs. in Crores)

State	Latest estimated cost	Expdr. to the end of March, 92	Expdr. incurred during 92-93	Expdr. incurred during 94-95	Antici pated expdr. incurred during 94-95	Outlay for 95-96
Bihar	1428.82	561.19	18.97	18.17	24.28	64.60
Orissa	1013.68	179.92	22.74	14.80	16.80	30.00
West Bengal	226.82	-	3.00	2.55	2.00	3.00

(c) Subernarekha Multipurpose Project in Bihar comprises of Chandil Dam, Icha Dam Kharkai Barrage, Galudih Barrage, Canal systems in Bihar and Galudih Link Canal which would carry water to Orissa. Chandil Dam is almost complete except the insallation of the gates. Icha Dam is only in initial stage of construction. Almost no work has been done on Kharkai Barrage. Galudih Barrage has been completed except erection of gates. Galudih linked Canal is almost 70% completed. The Canal systems in Bihar and in Orissa are in progress. No irrigation potential has so far been created.

(d) Irrigation is a State subject and the irrigation projects are planned, implemented and funded by the State Government from their resources. The central assistance to the State Government is in the form of block loans and grants not tied to any project or programme.

Private Armed senas in the Country

3122. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the emergence of private armed senas in different parts of the country, posing a threat to the life and property of people; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to check the activities of such 'Senas' and other extremist organisations?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDERJIT GUPTA): (a) Some instances of formation of private senas have come to the notice of the Government.

(b) It is primarily for the State Government to take preventive and punitive measures to check the growth and activities of such senas. However, the Central Government has constituted a Task Force to take stock of the armed senas in operation in Bihar and make suitable recommendations. The Central Government has also been assisting the States by way of sharing intelligence, extending financial support and providing guidelines for improving the functioning of the criminal justice system.

Army Operation in Assam

3123. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some on-going operations of the Security Forces are taking place in Assam since May, 1996;

(b) if so, number of civilians killed in these operations;

(c) whether it is a fact that all such deaths have been registered as unnatural deaths;

(d) whether the Security Forces claim that civilians killed in such operations belonged to banned organisations;

(e) whether Government propose to pay compensation to families of those who were killed in these operations; and

(f) if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.